

BUFFALO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS – REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – JANUARY 22, 2020

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, January 22, 2020, in the Buffalo Township Municipal Building and convened at 7:30 pm.

The Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Ron Zampogna. This Meeting is being recorded. If anyone is taping this Meeting, please state your name and address.

Roll Call

Ron Zampogna II	Present
Gary L. Risch, Sr.	Present
Albert T. Roenigk	Present
Matthew J. Sweeny	Present
Michael Oehling, Jr.	Present

A majority of the Board of Supervisors being present, the Chairman declared the Meeting open for the transaction of business.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS; PERSONNEL; AND/OR INFO-GATHERING MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the January 6, 2020 Reorganization Meeting and Regular Monthly Meeting of the Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors, as recorded, was on motion of Matt Sweeny, seconded by Albert Roenigk. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

OLD BUSINESS

ADVERTISING FOR BIDS TO PURCHASE NEW TRUCK FOR ROAD DEPARTMENT – APPROVED

Matt Sweeny reviewed the Bid from Hunter’s Truck Sales for a used 2011 International 7400 4x4 Dump Truck. The asking price is \$69,900.00 but offered \$66,850.00. It has a stainless bed with a plow. It does not have a warranty. This truck was a trade in from Jefferson Hills Township’s Road Department and it has 17,501 miles on it. Bob Fletcher, Road Department Employee questioned why it was traded in. Bob feels that they should get a new piece of equipment and stated that the Police Department doesn’t get used cars. A new officer was just hired, and a new car was just purchased. They get a new car every year. So, why should we get used equipment. We have never purchased used in our department in the past, we have only purchased new. Matt stated that Hunter’s is going over the truck and is taking care of any repairs that are needed before the truck is sold. Bob asked why they are looking at purchasing used equipment. Ron Zampogna stated that they did not budget for such a large investment and that they are trying to get more for their buck. They are in need of other equipment and this way with purchasing a used truck they would still be able to purchase a tractor and other equipment that the Road Department is in need of. Bob Fletcher, Road Department Employee stated that his truck is broke down and that Brendon’s truck is in the shop getting repairs.

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Gary Risch stated that he had spoken with the mechanic at Jefferson Hills Township who told him that the truck did need some repairs. We should use some liquid fuels money to purchase that. Janice stated that she does make a payment out of state fund. After much discussion by the Board, the decision was made to advertise for bids to purchase a new truck for the Road Department.

On a motion of Albert Roenigk, seconded by Michael Oehling to advertise for bids to purchase new truck for the Road Department. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

NEW BUSINESS

REAPPOINTMENT OF SUE GREGORY AND TIM GOTTUS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO FULFILL ANOTHER 4 YEAR TERM – APPROVED

Grant McConnell, Buffalo Township Planning Commission Chairman stated that Sue and Tim are doing a great job on the Planning Commission Board and hopes that the Board would consider their reappointment.

On a motion of Gary Risch, seconded by Matt Sweeny to reappoint Sue Gregory and Tim Gottus to the Planning Commission Board to fulfill another 4-year term. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

DISCUSSION TO CHANGE THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING TIME FROM 7:30 PM TO 7:00 PM THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AND READVERTISING THE MEETING SCHEDULE

Grant McConnell, Planning Commission Chairman stated that it was discussed at their meeting January 2nd, 2020 to possibly change the start time of the meetings from 7:30 pm to 7:00 pm. The Planning Commission Board and their Solicitor all agreed with this change. However, the meetings were already approved by the Board of Supervisors and advertised prior to their discussion. Grant suggested after a discussion with Janice Zubrin, Township Secretary/Treasurer, that they make the change next year and keep the meeting time at 7:30 this year. It would cost the township \$290.00 to advertise this change. However, the Board of Supervisors and their Solicitor felt that changing the time would be fine. Atty. Lutz suggested that at the Planning Commissions next meeting they could discuss scheduling Workshops regarding the Comprehensive Plan and when the Workshops are advertised to go ahead and advertise the Planning Commissions meeting time change from 7:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Having everything advertised together/at the same time would only be one fee from the newspaper.

DISCUSSION TO SCHEDULE ROAD TOUR AT THE NEXT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

Gary asked about scheduling the road tour and stated from what he understands that the earlier you get the bids out the better prices you get. The Board was in agreement at discussing this at the next meeting in February.

DISCUSSION REGARDING REPLACING THE BURNT-OUT STREET LIGHTS AT THE BRIDGE IN FREEPORT – APPROVED

Gary stated that there are 3 street lights burnt out at the bridge in Freeport near the old Dug Out. He talked with Mark Cravener and was told that to replace the 3 lights and ballasts, it would be \$885.00. If they were to be replaced with LED lights the cost would be \$1,112.00. Ron asked if that is all

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on us? Gary replied yes. The LED lights last longer and use ½ the energy. Gary stated that they need replaced no matter what. Janice asked how many more do we have? Gary replied 2. Janice replied then, when they go bad then we would replace them also. Gary replied yes. The Board agreed to replace the 3 lights with LED and when the other 2 burn out, they would be replaced with LED lights as well.

On a motion of Matt Sweeny, seconded by Gary Risch to replace the 3 burnt out lights at the Freeport Bridge with LED lights in the amount of \$1,112.00. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

Bob Fletcher, Road Department Employee stated that the light behind the township building is going bad. It was on all day today. The sensors must be going bad. He asked if it could be replaced as well. The Board agreed to have the light replaced with an LED light and the Road Workers would replace it.

Ed Tabisz, Township Emergency Management Coordinator asked the Board if they could purchase him a radio. He stated that he had asked for this back when the Police Department were getting their radios, and nothing was done. If they would have purchased it with the Police, the price would not have been so expensive. Now the price will be \$2,400.00. Ed stated that the township purchased him one in the past but since the county is going on a new frequency, it will no longer work. The Board decided that they would discuss this with Tim Derringer.

ADJOURNMENT was on a motion of Gary Risch, seconded by Michael Oehling at 8:00 pm. Motion carried. Un. Approval.

APPROVED:

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY